

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1, 3, 5-8, and 10-11 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 5-8, and 10 are allowed. Claim 11 is hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 11 is hereby amended as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action, thereby obviating the rejection.

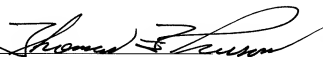
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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